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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in this case. In the amendment hereinabove, claims 1-6 and 13-18 have been cancelled. As a result, claims 7-12 are now pending.

A. §102 Rejection

Claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,016,002 ("Chen"). This rejection is respectfully traversed and it is submitted that this rejection is most since these claims have been cancelled.

B. §103 Rejections

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chen* in view of Brodsky et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0217425 ("*Brodsky*"). This rejection is respectfully traversed and it is submitted that this rejection is moot since these claims have been cancelled.

Claims 13-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brodsky* in view of *Chen*. This rejection is respectfully traversed and it is submitted that this rejection is most since these claims have been cancelled.

C. Allowable Claims

Claims 7-12 were identified as being allowed.

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D. Conclusion

Claims 7-12 remain pending in this case. With these claims already identified as being allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application immediately proceed to issuance.

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